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### MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, JANUARY 1988

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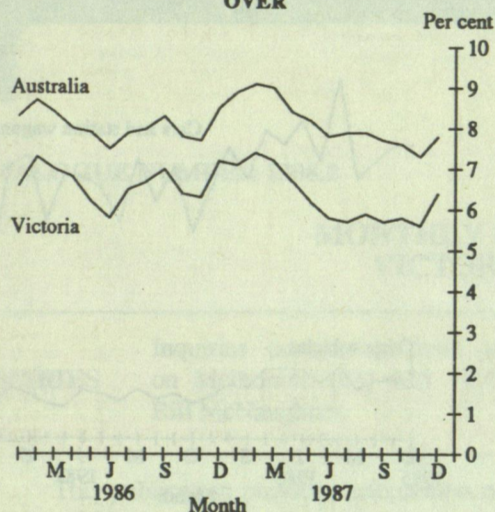
## MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS, VICTORIA, JANUARY 1988

Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent
				One period	Two periods	Three periods				
LABOUR FORCE										
Employed persons - full-time	'000	Dec 87	1,589.3	1,543.2	1,556.8	1,543.6	1,542.5	3.0	5,872.2	2.6
- total	'000	Dec 87	1,969.4	1,927.9	1,927.7	1,927.9	1,910.7	3.1	7,307.8	3.0
Unemployed persons looking for work - full-time	'000	Dec 87	101.8	88.9	90.2	86.8	120.6	-15.6	506.8	-7.0
- total	'000	Dec 87	133.6	115.1	119.5	116.3	149.2	-10.5	619.7	-5.4
Labour force	'000	Dec 87	2,103.0	2,043.0	2,047.2	2,044.2	2,059.8	2.1	7,927.4	2.3
Participation rate	per cent	Dec 87	63.7	62.0	62.2	62.2	63.5	0.3	63.0	0.2
Unemployment rate	per cent	Dec 87	6.4	5.6	5.8	5.7	7.2	-11.1	7.8	-8.2
Job vacancies	'000	Nov 87	11.3	16.5	17.6	18.0	12.8	-11.7	52.2	0.6
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Nov 87	1.69	1.45	1.41	1.38	1.40	20.7	1.46	13.2
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings -	\$	Aug 87	447.10	440.00	432.50	427.70	415.60	7.6	444.50	6.1
Males	\$	Aug 87	472.80	463.60	454.60	450.30	437.50	8.1	470.70	6.0
Females	\$	Aug 87	394.50	390.50	384.10	378.30	368.30	7.1	388.90	7.0
All employees total earnings	\$	Aug 87	395.40	394.20	391.70	388.50	374.80	5.5	393.20	5.2
Males	\$	Aug 87	454.50	451.10	447.80	446.70	429.50	5.8	458.10	4.8
Females	\$	Aug 87	311.70	311.90	307.90	301.00	294.50	5.8	302.30	6.9
CONSUMER PRICES (a)										
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -										
Food	index	Sep qr 87	164.1	160.5	160.2	158.9	156.1	5.1	160.2	4.4
Clothing	index	Sep qr 87	158.8	157.3	151.8	151.3	145.9	8.8	159.1	8.9
Housing	index	Sep qr 87	183.4	180.1	176.9	173.9	171.3	7.1	172.3	7.4
Household equipment & operation	index	Sep qr 87	169.8	166.7	163.0	161.3	156.8	8.3	168.8	7.6
Transportation	index	Sep qr 87	174.7	171.0	169.9	164.5	156.8	11.4	181.9	10.6
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Sep qr 87	186.8	184.8	181.2	176.8	171.8	8.7	192.6	10.1
Health & personal care	index	Sep qr 87	173.4	172.8	168.5	164.1	151.4	14.5	163.7	14.2
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Sep qr 87	152.1	149.1	146.8	142.1	139.8	8.8	148.7	8.5
All groups	index	Sep qr 87	171.6	168.6	166.0	162.9	158.2	8.5	170.0	8.3
RETAIL SALES (excl motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Oct 87	1,363.6	1,277.0	1,240.7	1,312.0	1,278.6	6.7	5,148.9	8.1
PRODUCTION										
Manufacturing -										
Clay bricks	million	Oct 87	36	41	37	39	38	-5.3	156	-3.7
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Oct 87	339	305	299	298	291	16.5	1,331	4.0
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)	tonnes	Oct 87	35,526	40,579	41,445	42,996	41,240	-13.9	57,353	-8.4
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Oct 87	3,376	3,038	3,052	3,211	3,420	-1.3	4,012	-2.8
Cars & station wagons	'000	Oct 87	19.7	19.0	18.4	20.2	18.0	9.4	29.8	6.0
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	Oct 87	1,143	1,068	960	1,150	1,027	11.3	2,268	8.4
- Wool	tonnes	Oct 87	1,502	1,551	1,517	1,742	1,586	-5.3	2,077	-6.4
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Oct 87	2,040	1,716	1,661	2,012	2,115	-3.5	4,061	4.6
- Woollen	'000 sq.m	Oct 87	348	327	299	329	443	-21.4	1,008	-16.3
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Oct 87	7,477	7,579	7,657	7,036	8,199	-8.8	14,491	-11.9
Electricity	million kWh	Oct 87	2,848	2,760	2,981	2,919	2,484	14.7	11,346	6.9
OVERSEAS TRADE										
Imports	\$m	Oct 87	1,148.9	1,122.9	1,073.4	1,215.4	1,235.1	-7.0	3,300.0	27.5
Exports (excl re-exports)	\$m	Oct 87	693.1	625.4	674.9	651.7	561.0	23.5	3,213.0	16.0
BUILDING										
Approvals -										
New houses	No.	Nov 87	2,479	2,659	2,499	2,250	2,442	1.5	10,067	26.7
New other residential building	No.	Nov 87	411	379	504	449	445	-7.6	2,523	15.2
Value of all building	\$m	Nov 87	637.4	432.4	398.1	572.8	366.6	73.9	1,778.4	29.2
Commencements -										
New houses	No.	Jun qr 87	6,860	6,670	7,310	6,860	6,750	1.6	21,910	-5.1
Value of new houses	\$m	Jun qr 87	470.8	451.6	473.1	445.4	426.6	10.4	1,416.2	4.1
New other residential building	No.	Jun qr 87	1,141	1,097	1,236	1,360	1,150	-0.8	5,826	-12.5
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Jun qr 87	54.0	52.7	58.6	58.2	47.9	12.7	297.3	0.0
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Jun qr 87	670.2	548.0	378.1	880.2	429.0	56.2	2,440.9	24.5
Value of all building	\$m	Jun qr 87	1,292.5	1,141.2	1,008.2	1,469.2	990.5	30.5	4,433.9	14.4
Value of work done in period	\$m	Jun qr 87	1,359.4	1,131.2	1,180.9	1,212.8	1,173.3	15.9	4,633.5	6.7
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS (c) -										
House building (1985-86=100)	index	Oct 87	111.1	110.6	110.1	109.2	105.0	5.8	110.8	5.4
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Oct 87	187.9	186.0	185.0	184.1	176.0	6.8	191.7	7.2
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Cars & station wagons	No.	Nov 87	7,343	11,151	11,247	8,640	10,135	-27.5	35,417	-0.4
Other motor vehicles (excl motor cycles)	No.	Nov 87	6,204	9,431	9,710	7,415	8,642	-28.2	28,975	0.9
Motor cycles	No.	Nov 87	1,139	1,720	1,537	1,225	1,493	-23.7	6,442	-5.8
BANKS										
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Nov 87	20,190	20,076	20,178	19,948	17,346	16.4	55,969	26.1
Major trading -										
Current deposits	\$m	Nov 87	5,595	5,540	5,352	5,189	4,318	29.6	18,508	25.6
Fixed deposits	\$m	Nov 87	7,927	7,686	7,573	7,766	8,131	-2.5	29,064	0.5
Advances	\$m	Nov 87	15,229	15,008	14,484	13,904	12,894	18.1	46,985	8.6
Debits to customers' accounts (d)	\$m	Nov 87	33,585	34,189	33,666	30,368	25,497	31.7	149,822	48.8
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION										
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Oct 87	416.6	420.3	328.1	366.8	385.4	8.1	1,612.0	31.4
Savings banks	\$m	Oct 87	313.8	316.7	263.1	304.9	327.0	-4.0	1,031.6	20.6
Trading banks	\$m	Oct 87	25.9	37.6	18.7	22.3	20.8	24.5	165.3	70.9
Permanent building societies	\$m	Oct 87	58.6	46.2	30.3	24.0	22.0	166.4	331.3	66.7
Other lenders	\$m	Oct 87	18.3	19.8	16.1	15.6	15.7	16.6	83.7	10.7
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e)										
Manufacturing	\$m	Jun qr 87	1,607	1,260	1,690	1,597	1,454	17.3	6,106	14.7
Finance	\$m	Jun qr 87	571	443	612	599	528	16.7	1,535	2.5
New building and structures	\$m	Jun qr 87	637	519	646	645	577	15.8	2,418	32.7
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Jun qr 87	422	295	387	430	378	43.9	1,903	18.0
	\$m	Jun qr 87	1,185	965	1,303	1,166	1,076	10.8	4,203	13.3

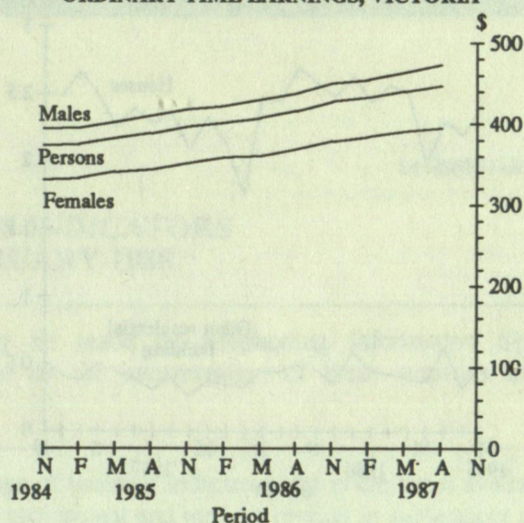
(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendering only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.



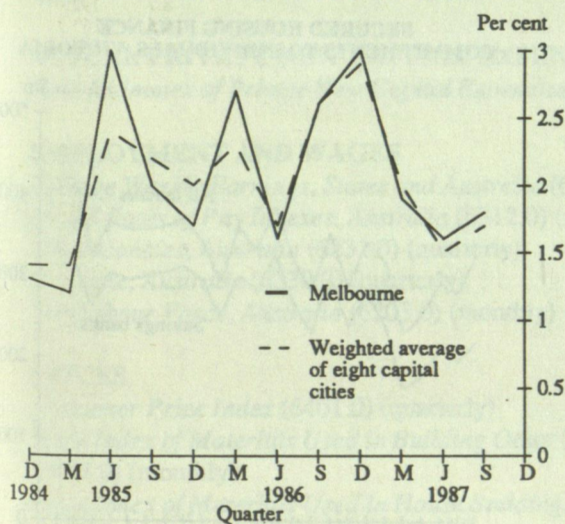
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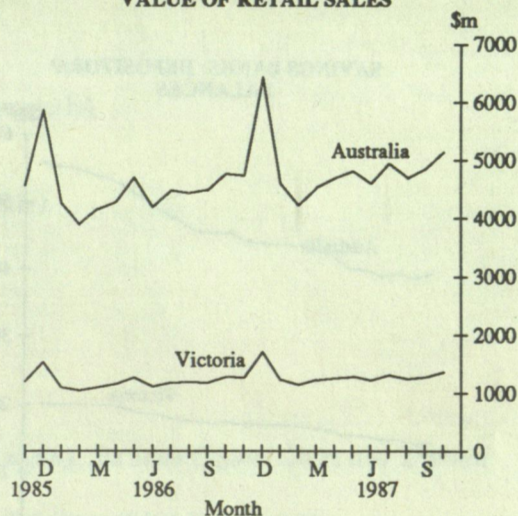
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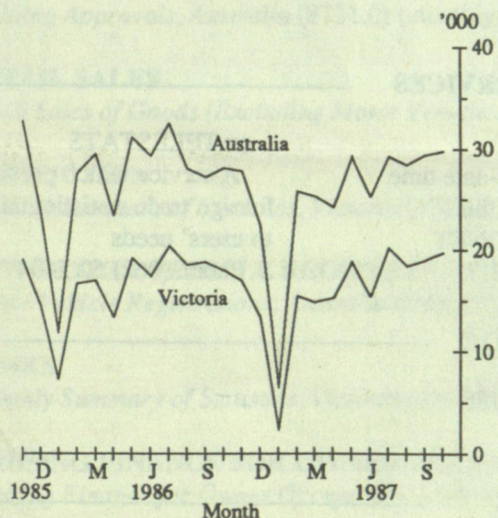
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Percentage change from previous quarter



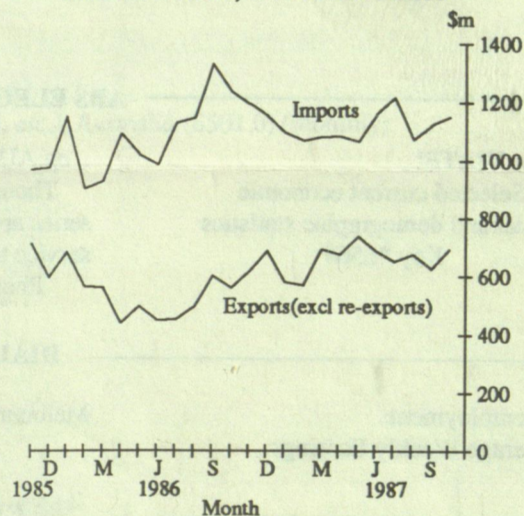
VALUE OF RETAIL SALES



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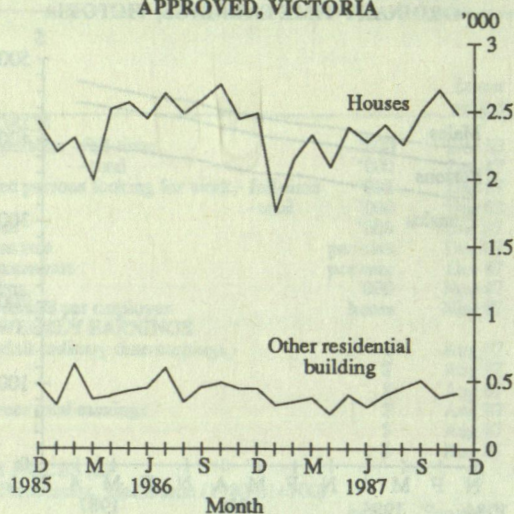


VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND  
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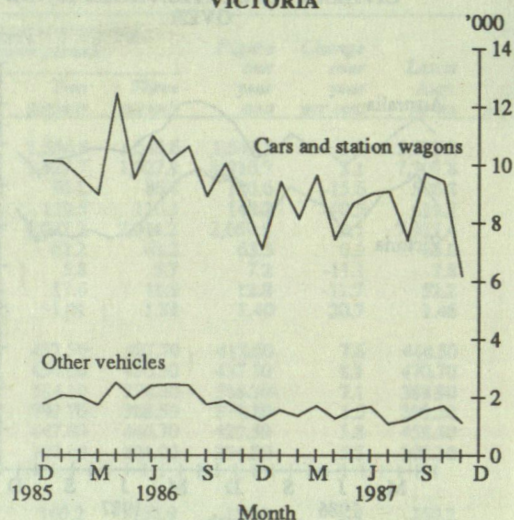




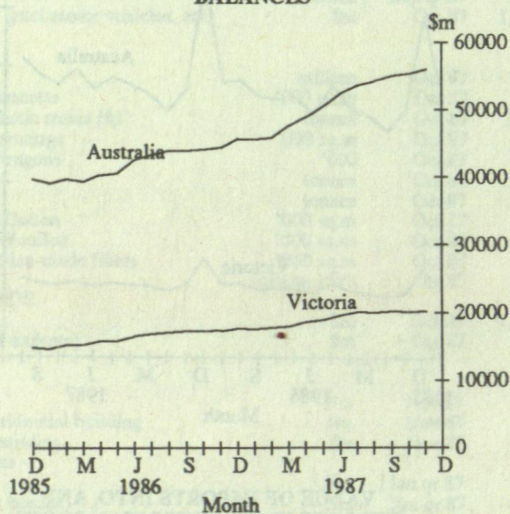
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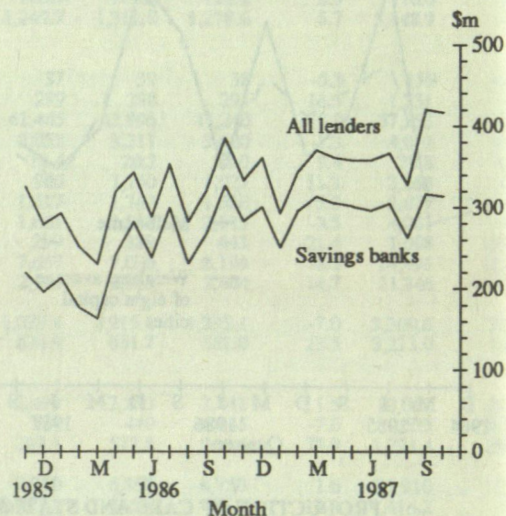
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**SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS'  
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**SECURED HOUSING FINANCE  
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